

2024 Information For Year 8 Students

Important Information

Please find enclosed information for the start of the 2024 school year. If after reading this, you still have questions please don't hesitate to contact the school office on 359-7428 or email office@casebrook.school.nz

The office will be reopening on Friday 26th January 2024 from 10.00 am – 2.00 pm.

Commencement Dates

In 2024 we will be starting the year for Year 8 students with Whānau interviews on **30th January between 1:00pm – 4:00pm** and **31st January 2024 between 8:30am – 4:00pm**. Parents/Caregivers & Whānau of Year 8 students will be emailed a booking link after midday on Friday 26th January 2024. Students are able to bring their stationery to the interview and leave it in their room.

Casebrook Intermediate commences for all students on **Friday 2nd February, 8:40 am and finishing at 2:50 pm.**

The canteen will be open from **Friday 2nd February 2024.**

Students are asked not to bring BYOD's until notified later in February.

A mihi whakatau will be held on Monday 5th February at 8:45am to officially start the year and welcome our new students and their whānau into our school community. Parents, caregivers and whānau are invited to attend.

Waitangi day is on Tuesday 6th February – Casebrook will be closed.

School Website

Daily notices are posted on our website and can be checked at home – it is worthwhile checking each day for the first few weeks with your child to ensure you are up to date with information and opportunities that are offered.

Casebrook PTA

Joining the Parent Teacher Association is an ideal way to meet other parents and connect within our school community. The association meets twice a term throughout the year and helps out with a range of school events. If you would like further information please send us an email - mrusell@casebrook.school.nz
The first meeting for the PTA will be held on Tuesday 5th March in the school staffroom at 7:00pm.

Second-Hand School Uniform

A second-hand uniform sale will be held on **Wednesday 17th January 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm in the school hall.** Information regarding the purchase of new uniforms from Mainland Uniforms is included in this letter.

Police Vetting Form

Anyone who thinks they will volunteer at Casebrook can fill out the police vetting form.

Police vetting is required for:

- volunteers who have contact with students eg home-stays, camp helpers, EOTC, sports, class help

Casebrook Mobile App

Our Casebrook school app is used as our first source of essential information to parents/caregivers and whānau. It is used for alerting the community about emergencies, trip updates, notices for home, newsletter, and permissions.

Download the Casebrook School App for reporting absences, up to date info, easy communication; all from your phone. Go to the App Store or Google Play store on your mobile device:

1. Search SchoolAppsNZ
2. Download the App
3. Open the App
4. When it asks to send notifications – click allow.
5. When it asks to search your school – type Casebrook Intermediate in the search bar
6. Lastly, subscribe to the alert groups you would like to receive alerts for.

Government's School Donation Scheme

The Casebook Board of Trustees has opted into the government's school donation scheme. This is when the school is given \$154 per student to replace the need for the school to ask the parents for a donation towards a child's education.

We know that you, our parent community appreciates and values the broad and rich curriculum that we offer and as a school, we consider these experiences are crucial at this age and stage as they assist our young people develop identity, personal awareness, interests and skills; all of which will contribute towards the adult that they will become.

We ask that our community continues to support the many extra-curricular opportunities we have as without your support we will simply not be able to keep offering them. As always, we will endeavour to keep costs reasonable and assist families where possible. You will be notified in advance of any optional event that will have a cost attached.

The Technology/Specialist contribution is \$25 per term and covers the many take-home items your child will create during the year.

Please do not hesitate to contact Sharon Keen via the school office if you require clarification.

We very much look forward to working with you and your child in 2024.

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Belinda Smith
Board of Trustees Chair

Year 8 Contributions and Expenses

The estimated contributions and expenses for a Year 8 student in 2024 are as follows:

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| • Technology/Specialist contribution (take home component, \$25.00 per term) | \$100.00 |
| • Year 8 Camp contribution | \$240.00 |

Year 8 camp is an activity that we consider to be one of the most memorable experiences of a student's time with us. For this activity to remain as part of our core education we need and appreciate your contribution.

2024 Camp contribution breakdown per child:

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| • Transport | \$ 25.00 |
| • Food | \$ 55.00 |
| • YMCA Activities & Accommodation | \$160.00 |

During the year your child may opt into sporting, cultural, music or enrichment activities. These are an optional opt-in and therefore you will be informed of any associated expenses prior to the activity beginning.

Automatic Payments

We are happy for any contributions to be made through a regular automatic payment that has been set up. (We have enclosed a form, please return to your own bank or set up online).

Tracy Goulden (tgoulden@casebrook.school.nz) is happy to answer any questions.

School bank account details are:

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03 08550334217 00

Please use your child's name as a reference.

CASEBROOK'S INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAMME

At Casebrook, we provide our students with the opportunity to learn a variety of musical instruments with experienced music tutors.

Additionally, we offer several musical groups for students to join. Make sure your children keep an eye on the school notices on our website and don't miss the opportunity to be part of one of these groups. Of course, students who learn an instrument out of school are also welcome to join. Parents and caregivers have access to our school notices by visiting our school website.

Next year we are offering tuition in the following instruments. Check out our website for more information:

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| - Violin | - Drums | - Brass |
| - Piano / Keyboard | - Singing | - Guitar |

TUITION FEE

Casebrook Intermediate music lessons are all private. The tuition fee is set by each music tutor and will be included in their letter at the beginning of the 2024 school year.

INSTRUMENT HIRE

Casebrook has a limited supply of hire instruments for:

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| - Violin | - Clarinet | - Saxophone |
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Instruments can also be hired from music shops in Christchurch for a full school year.

There are no school guitars, keyboards, pianos or drum kits for hire, however, tutors may be able to assist with finding a hire instrument or one to purchase. Pillows work well as an initial drum kit but students will need to purchase their own sticks. Drumming pads are another alternative.

The link below is to a form for any families that are interested in taking part in music lessons next year. This form is to let us gather a rough idea of the number of students and what instrument that you may be interested in taking on at Casebrook next year. Please make sure to fill out all the information below. By filling out this form, you are not signing up for lessons. These will be arranged at the start of next year.

<https://forms.gle/Mi2sEyVDPnK96Aw76>

The Learning Support Coordinator at Casebrook Intermediate

Mark Russell

The role of the Learning Support Coordinator:

- Support students in ensuring positive engagement with curriculum.
- Support student wellbeing and identify areas of need and/or risk.
- Engage with whānau around positive interventions to increase levels of achievement and/or wellbeing.
- Liaise with outside agencies to support student needs through the Pastoral Support Team.
- Co-ordinating the learning support team.
- Co-ordinate ORRs programmes – IEPs.
- Engage with our on-site student support counsellor
- Manage referrals to external support agencies.
- To improve attendance and punctuality of all students. Communicating with home, school and attendance officer.

The importance of having the Learning Support Coordinator?

At Casebrook we understand that our students are heading into pre-adolescence which can bring changes physically, cognitively, emotionally, and socially. Having a dedicated staff member who is there to support each student through such changes can be of great value to students and whānau.

Who should access the Learning Support Coordinator?

That's the special thing about it, everyone can. All students, teachers, parents and anyone in the community. If you have any concerns at all that relates to learning or the wellbeing of a student then the LSC is available to you.

How can I make contact with the Learning Support Coordinator?

The best way to make contact with Mark is by emailing mrussell@casebrook.school.nz or phone the school office 03 3597428 to make an appointment.

TE KURA MAREKO - CASEBROOK INTERMEDIATE PTA

The Casebrook Intermediate Parent Teachers Association (PTA) is a group of parents who come together to support the school in providing the best for Casebrook students. The PTA is not as full on as Primary school but it is the perfect way to be part our school community.

The PTA provides a means for parents and the school to build a successful partnership, based on the best interests of our students. By getting involved in your PTA, parents, teachers and students benefit from the knowledge and insight shared.



Some examples of PTA activities are:

- Fundraising
- Support for School Wide Events
- Dance Party
- Movie nights
- Raffles

Some examples of Items Purchased:

- Van
- Sports uniforms
- Devices, Chromebooks
- Projectors and Hall Screen
- Playground

Regular PTA meetings are held in the school staffroom, on the first Tuesday evening of the month starting at 7:00pm. If you are keen to find out more or want to meet the current team, our next meeting will be on 5th March 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Casebrook staffroom. We also will put a message on the school app when we need parents to help in a one off situation.

If you need any further information please contact Mark Russell on mrussell@casebrook.school.nz